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Necessity of accepting Peace on Terms of Glory and Advantage to U.H.J. Liber No. 35 his Majestys Crown and beneficial in particular to his Subjects in Amarica; And as Nothing can so effectually contribute to that great & essential Object, As the Kings being enabled to employ as immediately as may be such part of the Regular Forces in North America, as may be adequate to Some great & important Enterprize against the Enemy; I am commanded to Signify to you the Kings Pleasure that in order the better to provide for the full and entire security of his Majestys Dominions in North America and particularly of the Possession of his Majestys Conquests there, during the Absence of Such part of the Regular Forces, You do forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with the Council and Assembly of Your Province to induce them to raise, with all possible Dispatch, within Your Government as large a Body of Men as the Number and Situation of Its Inhabitants may allow in the due Performance of which, It is expected, and required that they will not again presume to fail in their Duty to the King, as they have hitherto done (and forming the same into Regiments as far as shall be found convenient that You direct them to hold themselves p. 461 in readiness, and particularly as much earlier than former Years, as may be, to march to Such Place, or Places in North America as his Majestys Commander in Chief there, or the Officer who shall be appointed to command the Kings Forces in those parts, shall Appoint in order to be employed there under the Supreme Com mand of his Majestys Said Commander in Chief or of the Officer to be appointed as above, in such manner as from the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemys Posts and the State and Disposition of the Indian Nations on that side, he may judge most conducive for the Kings service; And the better to facilitate this important service, the King is pleased to leave it to you to issue Commissions to Such Gentlemen in your Province as you shall judge, from their Weight, and Credit with the People and their Zeal for the Publick Service may be best disposed, and enabled, to quicken and effectuate the speedy Levying of the greatest Number of Men. In the Disposition of which Commissions, I am perswaded You will have nothing in View, But the good of the Kings Service, and a due Subordination of the whole to his Majestys Commander; And All officers of the Provincial Forces as high as Colonels inclusive are to have Rank according to their several respective Commissions agreeable to the Regulations contained in his late Majestys Warrant of the 30th December 1757 which is renewed by his present Majesty

The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men so raised as above with Arms Ammunition and Tents as well as to order Provisions to be issued to the same, by his Majestys Commissaries in the same Proportion and Manner, as is done to the rest of the Kings Forces. The whole therefore that the King expects and